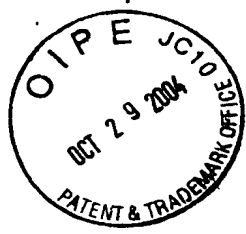


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Patsy Augestine Ruzzo et al. :  
Serial No.: 10/761,857 : Art Unit: 1762  
Filed: January 21, 2004 : Examiner:  
For: METHODS FOR PREPARING :  
AND TESTING A THERMAL- :  
SPRAY COATED SUBSTRATE :

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is:  
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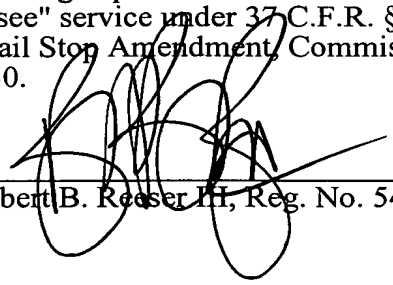
**STATUS**

2. Applicant  
☒ claims small entity status.  
☐ is other than a small entity.

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**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
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	Fee Due	\$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$
____ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$

**FEE PAYMENT**

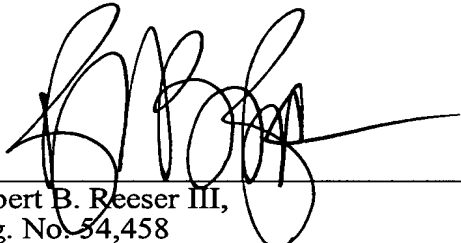
5.        Attached is a check in the sum of \$         
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**FEE DEFICIENCY**

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

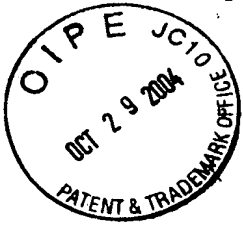
AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.  
7. ☐ Other:

  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the examination of this Application, please amend the Application as follows: